

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3168 - SB 3455

February 20, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits any suspension or revocation period of any commercial fisher or commercial roe fisher license from being greater than a year from the date of such suspension or revocation. Entitles any commercial fisher or commercial roe fisher who has timely filed for a license renewal within a two-year period to obtain the renewal of his/her commercial fisher or roe fisher license. Limits any suspension or revocation to any commercial fisher or musseler, having multiple violations in regards to fishing under the definition of a commercial fisher or musseler without appropriate licensure, to be no longer than a six-month period.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue - \$2,500/One-Time/Wildlife Resources Fund

Assumptions:

- This one-year revocation or suspension limit would apply only to commercial fishing or commercial roe fishing licenses.
- Currently, according to Tenn. Code Ann. § 70-2-101 (d)(2), any revocation or suspension period of such fishing licenses is fixed by the court and must be for a period of at least one year.
- In the majority of cases, such suspensions or revocations are limited to less than two years.
- According to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), there would be no fiscal impact associated with limiting the amount of time a revocation or suspension is enforced. Therefore, any permit revenue associated with a commercial fisher or commercial roe fisher renewing a license would be recognized in the same year as it is currently collected.
- According to TWRA, amending Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-2-205 to allow commercial fishing or commercial roe fishing licensees to renew commercial fishing licenses would only affect one non-resident commercial fisher.
- The permit fee for a non-resident commercial fisher is \$1,000 and \$1,500 for a commercial roe fishing license.

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- Assuming the individual would have been allowed to renew such license in less than a two-year period, allowing the commercial fisher to renew such commercial fishing license will result in a one-time increase of state revenue of \$2,500.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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